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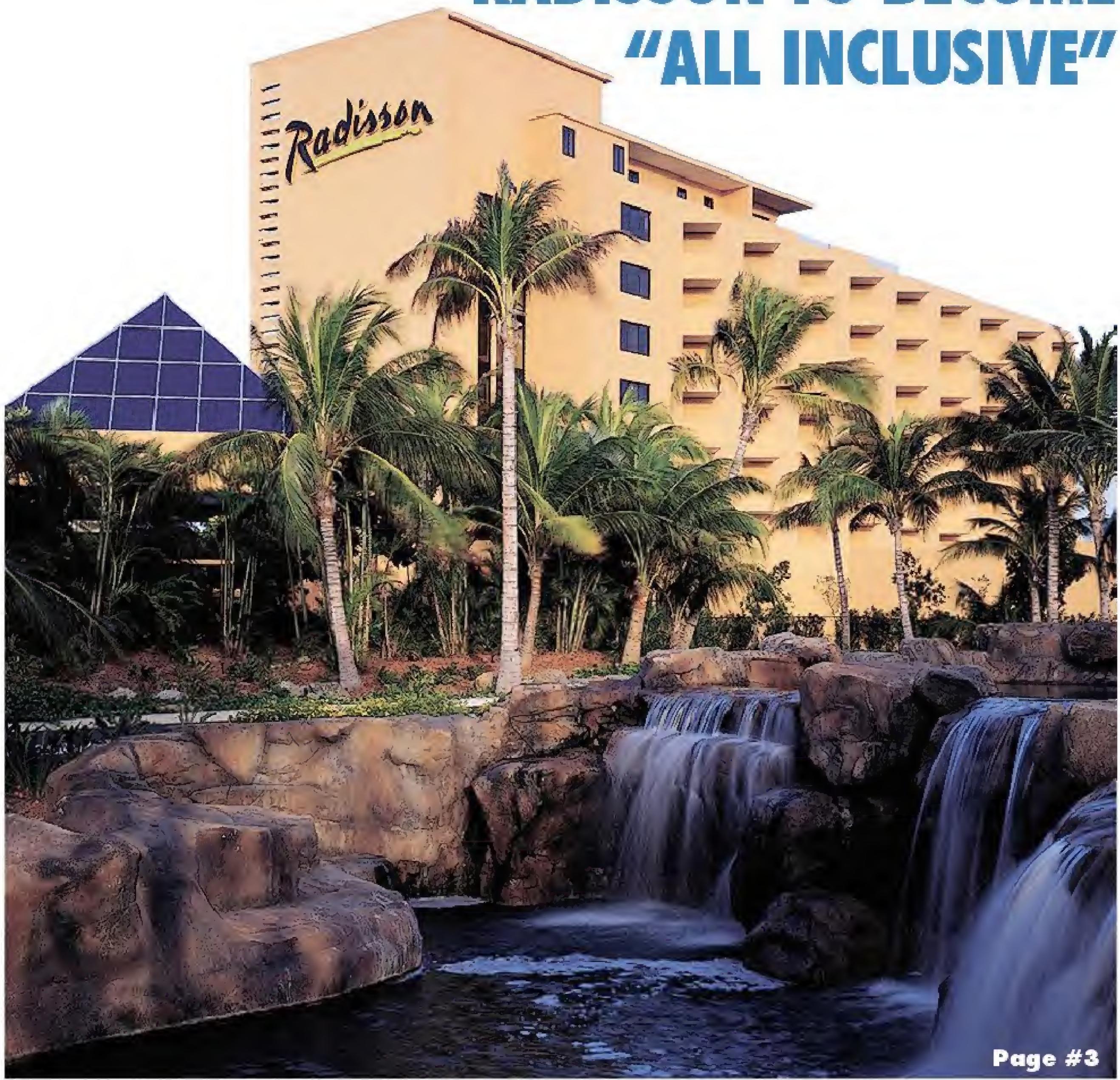
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RENE KAN'S GROUP & THE GOVERNMENT

**DON'T WANT
RADISSON TO BECOME
"ALL INCLUSIVE"**



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The Government is very disappointed with the agreement of the Radisson and the RIU

Court case is planned for this morning



THE Government of Aruba was very disappointed with the agreement between the Radisson and the RIU, specially after the Carlson Group showed interest to support the management of Minister Otmar Oduber on the topic of "All Inclusive in Aruba and opted to sell the property to the Aruba Growth Fund.

Minister Otmar Oduber met last Friday with the representatives of the Aruba Growth Fund and during the weekend he met with the ATA, ATIA, AGA, AHATA and other partners to enquire their position in this sale agreement.

All possible has to be done to prevent that this phenomenon of "All Inclusive" to continue to spread on our island, specifically on the hotels, which the Government has been against for many years now. And even publish this position in various newspapers on the island.

In the last years, has the Government considered the introduction of a moratorium for the construction of hotel projects, timeshare and condominiums. As a preamble to the moratorium, has the Minister of Tourism, Labor and Transport established a management to restrict the expansion of such hotel accommodations and at the same time allow the growth in specific geographic locations (like San Nicolas) and for specific kind of properties (like hotel boutiques)

Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor for this reason announces that he will expand his management on accommodations to include the following:

Hotel Companies (new or existent) that desire to introduce an "All Inclusive" hotel or operation of Condominiums should have previous approval of the Minister and Government. Management that was approved recently in the Parliament. ATA has done a report to show the consequences whether or not more all inclusive should be allowed on the island.

The Government decided to unite with the Aruba Growth Fund in this case and try to prevent Radisson to become "All Inclusive".

It must be clear that the Government will always respect the negotiations between two private parties. But in this case, the reason why the Government is joining in this case is for the public welfare. Also, both groups were aware on the management of the government on the All Inclusive issue they still went ahead with the negotiations.

Both Minister Otmar Oduber and the Cabinet of Mike Eman II hope that good judgment from the public welfare will prevail and prevent the expansion of All Inclusive to our hotel zones.

Both Rene Kan's Group and the Government

Don't want Radisson to be sold and become "All Inclusive"

THIS morning is taking place in the Court of Justice a very interesting case. The Aruba Growth Fund of Rene Kan, has a court case against the Carlson Group starting this morning at 10:00 am at the Court House. The Aruba Growth Fund will be represented by Eps & Kunnenman.

It seems that the Carlson Group, owners of the property on JE Irausquin Boulevard, which is now managed as the Radisson Aruba Resort & Casino, can not sell the hotel easily as they expected.

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It seems that many lawyers from Curacao came to Aruba to assist in this specific case. Hans Sjerm Fat and his buffet will be defending the Carlson Group Company.

Interesting in this case is that the Government of Aruba, through the Minister of Tourism, Mr. Otmar Oduber, has also been involved in this case, represented by the Lawyers Oomen and Off-

inga.

The Aruba Tourism Authority has also united themselves in this case and it is expected that more organizations may unite themselves to this case as well.

The RIU Resort, possible future buyer, is also close to the case and represented by the Lawyer Mr. Ronnie Wix.

The case has to do with the negotiations between the two groups that had been taking place for some time now to sell the building. But in a very abrupt manner has the seller

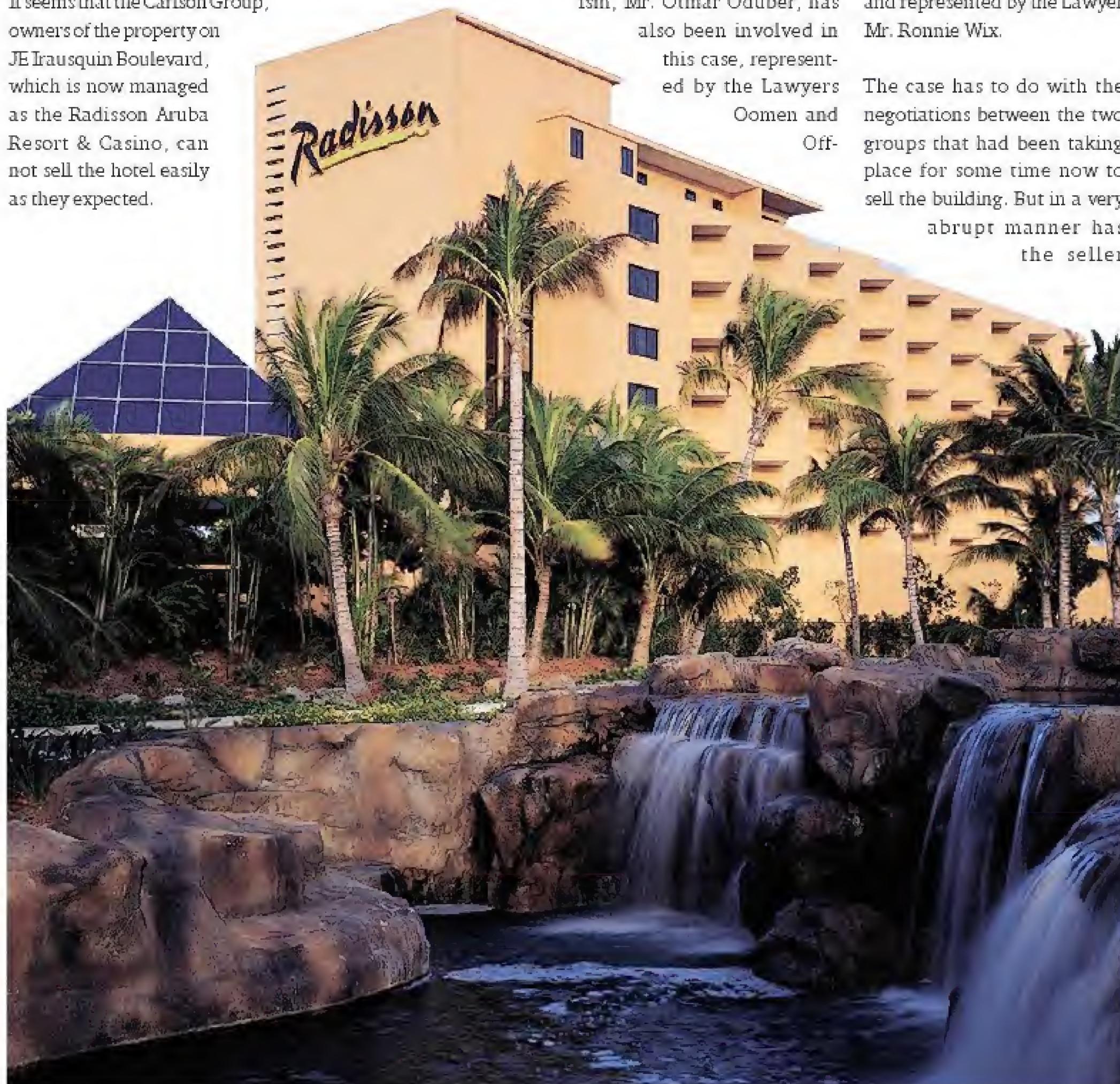
stopped with all negotiations and started dealing with the RIU Resort.

The Government however does not want this to happen. The 21 members of the Parliament has decided in a unanimous motion to urge the Government to realize an investigation on how to regulate and after that eventually develop more "All Inclusive" hotels on the Island.

If the Aruba Growth Fund buys the building, the Hilton Resort will manage it as a regular hotel. But it is feared that if the owners sell to the RIU, the property will become another "All Inclusive" in which one sum is paid and that will include stay, food and drink. This will hinder the development of the other restaurants and bars in their business with the tourist.

There are more organizations against this decision. They do not want to be involved in all the selling of the property because that is something private. But they are aware that this can cause a promotion of "All Inclusive" which not necessarily will attract more tourists to the island.

Aruba Growth Fund, in his demand, asks the Court to force the Carlson Group to go back to the negotiations that were already taking place with them and prevent them to sell the property while they are negotiating with the Aruba Growth Fund.



"The Guide for Tomorrow"

The Hospital celebrates 5th anniversary of free courses for future parents

5 years ago, the maternity ward and the delivery room at the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital started a free course to help future parents that will make use of their facilities at the hospital.

Renita Blindeling, is the Care Manager of the Maternity Ward and the Delivery Room. She explains the idea behind this free course and why her team started to offer these courses. For some time now, have these departments noticed that there is a need for patients to be more informed and prepared for the birth of their child at the hospital. And the patients also indicated that they are interested to obtain more practical information on childbirth. They wanted to know details of how to be prepared and what they can expect of the hospital and the personal that attend with them and their babies at the moment they reach the hospital. But they also wanted to know what the personal of the Maternity Ward and the Delivery room expect from them in order to give them a better service.

This is how the idea was conceived to come with an information night for future parents and help them to be prepared when they reach the hospital and when giving birth. The course got the name "Guide for Tomorrow" and it is for free every month for all pregnant women. The future parents will receive information of the pregnancy and childbirth without complication, but also of the pregnancy and childbirth with complication.

They receive a complete explanation of symptoms, when it is advisable to go to the hospital to give birth, how to prepare to go to the hospital but also when to go to the hospital for a control in case something is going wrong with the pregnancy.

Mrs. Blindeling explains that there are many people who do not know or do not realize when something is going wrong. They will get all the information needed for this and they will know when to go to the hospital for control. She tells that the hospital wants for this information to reach all future mothers and parents. This is the reason why this course is given.

Renita Blindeling invites all interested future parents to participate at this course. Visit the Facebook Page of the hospital where a list of dates and time is published for these information nights. She concludes by saying that she wishes to extend her gratitude to all who make these information nights possible for 5 years already and also she takes the time to extend her gratitude to the sponsors, Christine Hintz of Manrique Capriles with Johnson & Johnson's products and Jancis Tromp of Baby Care with the Medela products for their cooperation.





BREITLING CHOOSSES ARUBA TO LAUNCH THEIR 2015 COLLECTION



BREITLING Aruba open its doors in Aruba last Friday as the biggest boutique in the Caribbean and the place of introduction of their new 2015 collection. Breitling Aruba, situated at L.C. Smith Boulevard, is the first and only worldwide boutique with 44 establishments and all sort of point of sales, that has all the models of the 2015 collection "in store".

A dedicated boutique of Breitling has models that are not obtained at the other point of sales incorporated in other shops. Moreover, the boutiques in the Caribbean have models that are not obtained at none other boutiques. Aruba is very fortunate to be in such an ideal

position of having a such a grand and unique boutique.

It took Breitling about three years to choose who they want as their partners and to find the perfect location to establish a boutique dedicated exclusively on the prestigious brand of watches.

And at the end of day, they choose the perfect location and strategically one of the best in Aruba, next the port where cruise ships come in and in a nice building with a broad and comfortable parking lot at the L.G. Smith Boulevard where most vehicles transporting tourist can easily park.

"We choose the Mahtani family because they have the comprehension what a luxury boutique is. They are one of the families that are best established in business in Aruba. We have great respect for them. This is why we choose Aruba to create the biggest Boutique in the Caribbean", so said Mauricio Dias, Vice President of the Breitling Caribbean.

Management and personal of the Breitling are super proud that Aruba has been chosen as the location for the biggest Boutique in the Caribbean. The personal consist of professionals who received intensive training from Breitling and are prepared to give the best service.

Anita Seuren

VISUAL ARTIST PRESENTS 25 ARTWORKS

VISUAL artist and docent Anita Seuren presents her last art project before returning to Holland. The art exhibition will take place in the Exposition room in the National Library of Aruba. Anita Seuren worked on a special project these last months consisting of paintings of 25 women. The exposition of these paintings is open this Wednesday, June 3rd starting from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Her collection of 25 paintings is done in Acrylic and is of different sizes with the main theme "Women". Women seen from behind taking your imagination to the scenery of life. She guided this group of women intensively in their creative process during these last years. Reason why this collection is very special to Anita as well to her students. Anita worked on this project with much pleasure and enthusiasm and considers this to be her farewell project.

For more information you can contact the artist at 586-1201 or 747-4460. You can also send her an email at anita.schildersatelier@gmail.com. You can visit the exposition from June 3rd from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. You can also visit during regular opening hours of the National Library of Aruba.



Health Care Conference Aruba

Kingdom Ministers and high executives of the PAHO/WHO in the conference to present ways for improvements

PREPARATIONS had been taking place during the weekend for the first Conference of Medical Care Aruba, which starts today. This morning our island is bringing together some of the most prominent figures in the management of medical care institutes.

Experts and specialist from Europe, Caribbean, North and Latin America are coming together to elaborate on the challenges the medical world faces and how to reach appropriate solutions.

This initiative of the IPKO and is qualified a total success since it is important that our country to open a discussion between the political sector and the medical management which opens the way for improvement on this issue.

The Cabinet of mike Eman II under the supervision of the Minister of Health, dr. Alex Schwengle is the host of this event. With a registration of about 250 participants, the results will surely be positive and beneficial for all involved.

The program consists of 4 topics. A topic per day with discussion sections.

1. The System of Medical Care in the Small Communities (Caribbean Region)
2. The Production of Medical Care focusing on Quality
3. Divided Care to Integral Care (Holistic)
4. Collaboration between the members of the Dutch Kingdom

Taking into account the last topic and the great potential it contains, leaders of various countries and of the other countries in the Kingdom will be present in this conference.

The Minister of Public Health of Holland, Edith Schippers will be here as well as her counterpart of Curacao, dr. Bernard Whieman. The Minister of Finances of Saint Martin, Martin Hassink is also invited to participate.

The Cabinet of Mike Eman II takes the opportunity to have a parallel meeting where many other topics on the management of the Government.

After the opening, James Fitzgerald, B.Sc.(Pharm), Ph.D, M.P.S.I., as the Director of the Health System and Service of PAHO/WHO, will deliver a speech. 'Wishes vs. Resources' is assigned topic. Fitzgerald is responsible of the supervision of the program of PAHO on policies and public management, health system and service organizations, health human resources, financing and accessing remedies and oriented technologies at the Universal Health Coverage. He is author and co-author of many articles and is member of many professional societies and advice groups associated with the health.

All the conferences and activities of Health Care Conference Aruba will take place from June 1st to June 4th at the Renaissance Convention Center.



**Martin
Hassink**



**Edith
Schippers**



**James
Fitzgerald**



**Ben
Whiteman**

Minister Paul announces

ARBO Unie Aruba becomes reality

"AFTER an encounter with the Director of ARBO Unie in Holland, we can announce that ARBO Unie will have its presence in Aruba as a hub for the Caribbean", told Minister Paul Croes the Media.

ARBO Unie is an instance with 68 offices in Holland which deal with topics like health, productivity and protection of workers on the jobsites.

"We are happy with the decision to join ARBO Unie. We are already working together. And with this we can only make a stronger union".

The Aruban Government is working at the present a law to integrate all the aspects of security and protection for the workers in Aruba. The "ARBO-law" will soon be ready to be applied and soon other processes will follow.

This knowledge is a particular one that can be exported to other countries in the Caribbean and region. Aruba will be actively involved in the Arbo Unie. This is of great support to the Labor Sector of Aruba and maybe also in the Caribbean. This will also contribute to the Education Sector. Mr. Wim Schimmel is the director of the ARBO Unie in Holland which is an organization that exists for over 100 years. This is another great step in the security and protection of the workers.

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12 INJURED

after earthquake shakes Japan

TOKYO (FOX NEWS) - Twelve people suffered minor injuries and businesses returned to normal Sunday after a powerful earthquake near remote Japanese islands shook most of the country the previous night, but it was well beneath the earth's surface and did not trigger a tsunami.

The magnitude-7.8 quake struck off the Ogasawara islands Saturday night at a depth of 421 miles, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

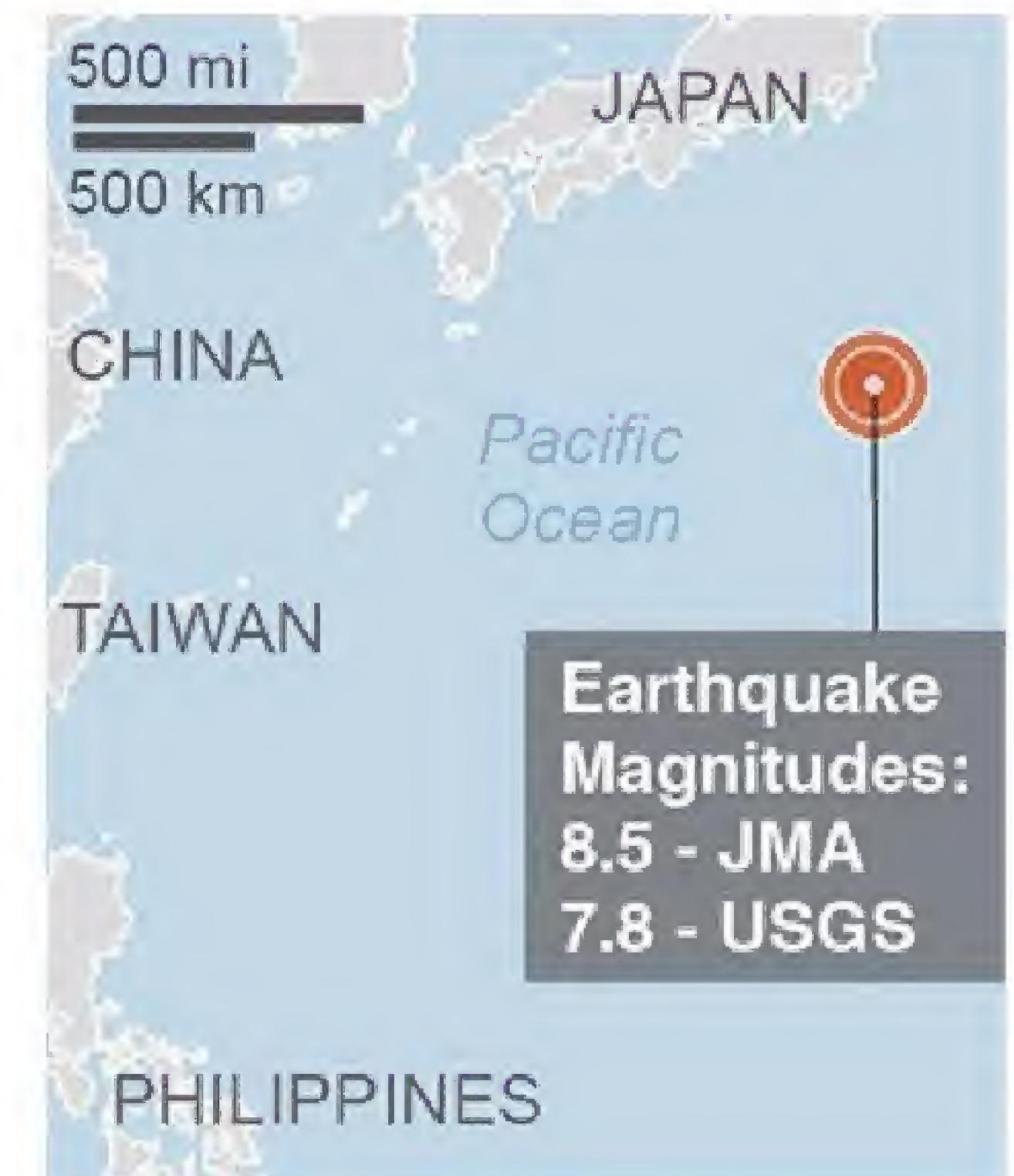
It was followed by a magnitude-6.4 quake Sunday morning off Japan's Izu islands, which are north of the Ogasawaras. The latest quake struck at a depth of 8 miles with the epicenter 390 miles (630 kilometers) southeast of Tokyo. It was not strong enough to generate a tsunami warning or close enough to the islands to cause any significant damage or injuries, said John Bellini, a USGS geophysicist in Golden, Colorado. He said it is considered a separate seismic event and not an aftershock from Saturday's quake. Saturday night's tremor was powerful enough to rattle most of Japan, from the southern islands of Okinawa to Hokkaido in the north. It caused buildings to sway in Tokyo — about 620 miles north of the Ogasawara islands — and temporarily

disrupted some train services in the city. About 400 houses in Saitama prefecture, just north of the capital, were without power, according to the Tokyo Electric Power Co. At Tokyo's Roppongi Hills shopping and business complex, elevators stopped soon after the magnitude-7.8 earthquake struck, forcing hundreds of visitors to climb down the stairs. Among them were about 200 people who came to see the Star Wars exhibit on the 52nd floor.

The Fire and Disaster Management Agency said that 12 people were injured, including with burns, cuts, bruises and from falls.

At an inn on the Ogasawara island of Hahajima, furniture shook violently, although nothing fell or broke, innkeeper Michiko Orita told NHK. "It was so frightening. The entire house shook and a Buddhist altar violently swayed like I have never experienced before," she said, adding that all her guests were safe.

In March 2011, a magnitude-9.0 earthquake rocked northeastern Japan, triggering a tsunami that killed more than 18,500 people and ravaged much of the northern Pacific coast. The depth of that quake was just 15 miles, according to the meteorological agency.



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18 QUARANTINED

in Hong Kong over MERS fears

BEIJING (FOX NEWS) — Hong Kong authorities quarantined 18 fellow passengers of a South Korean man who arrived in the city infected with Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, or MERS. The Chinese city's health authorities said Saturday the 18 are quarantined in the Lady MacLehose Holiday Village resort in a remote part of Hong Kong for two weeks.

They were seated within two rows of the South Korean man, but have not

showed any symptoms so far. Another 17 people are under medical surveillance.

Authorities say the 44-year-old South Korean man flew from Seoul to Hong Kong on Tuesday and then traveled by bus to the Chinese mainland. He is China's first imported MERS case and is being held in isolation at a hospital in southern China.

The potentially fatal virus is similar to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or



SARS, which broke out in China in 2002. Fifteen cases of MERS have been detected in South Korea.

Hong Kong authorities were asking other passengers of Asiana Airlines Flight 723 to contact them.



American Express president Ed Gilligan dies at 55

(CNN) - American Express President Ed Gilligan died Friday morning after becoming seriously ill on a flight to New York, the company said.

Gilligan, who was 55, spent his entire 35-year career with American Express (AXP), starting as an intern and rising to one of the highest executive posts at the global bank. He is survived by his wife and four children.

"This is deeply painful and frankly unimaginable for all of us who had the great fortune to work with Ed, and benefit from his insights, leadership and enthusiasm," said Amex chairman and CEO Ken Chenault, who announced Gilligan's death in a letter

to employees.

Chenault called Gilligan an "entrepreneurial spirit that has helped continually transform [American Express] through the years."

Gilligan joined the company in 1980 and worked his way up the ladder. He was named a vice president and the head of the company's business-to-business relations group in 2007. He also headed the company's business travel unit and then the international consumer card business and was appointed president in April 2013.

Foursquare co-founder Dennis Crowley, who worked with Amex executives on a partnership between the two companies, tweeted his reaction to the news.

"Super sad to learn about Ed Gilligan at AmEx. I got to know him thru 4SQ partnership. He was such a great person," Crowley tweeted.

Analysts at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods wrote in a memo to the firm's clients Friday that they saw Gilligan as being a likely successor to higher positions at American Express and "his absence obviously hurts," though the company has a "solid bench of executives." An American Express spokesperson didn't have information about where the flight originated but she said other company executives were on the plane and it made an emergency landing before its scheduled New York arrival.



South China SEA DISPUTE:

Strong indication Australia will join push back on China's island-building

(SMH) - Defence Minister Kevin Andrews has issued the Abbott government's strongest signal yet that Australia is prepared to join the United States and other countries in pushing back against China's island-building and militarisation in the South China Sea.

Further hardening Australia's stance, Mr Andrews has used a speech at a key Asian security conference to state unequivocal opposition to large-scale land reclamation – a clear dig at China's island-building and positioning of military hardware on the disputed Spratly Islands chain.

His remarks to the Shangri-La dialogue in Singapore, which was attended by top Asia-Pacific defence officials including from China, closely echo those of US counterpart Ashton Carter, as worried countries across the region present an increasingly united front against Beijing's assertiveness.

Mr Andrews issued a thinly veiled warning that other countries in the region will respond if Beijing persists, saying that actions in international security tend to produce "a corresponding counter-reaction".

"As with Newton's principles, aspects of international security are often characterised by an action and a corresponding counter-reaction," he said. "In making decisions, countries

and leaders should always be wary of the consequences, intended or otherwise, of a particular course of action and the potential for these actions to lead to escalation and miscalculation."

Mr Andrews added that Australia had a "legitimate interest in the maintenance of peace and stability ... unimpeded trade and freedom of navigation" – a possible signal that the Abbott government could, as Fairfax Media reported last week, take part in joint military exercises close to the Spratly Islands as a show of defiance against China's claims.

Separately, Mr Andrews told the Wall Street Journal that Australia asserted its right to continue flying military patrols over the contested area – a rejection of any attempt by China to declare an air defence identification zone – but said there had been no formal talks with the US about naval freedom-of-navigation exercises.

High among the region's concerns are that China will follow its precedent in its dispute with Japan in the East China Sea and declare an air defence identification zone over the waters further south.

Such a move "depends on whether our security in air and maritime will be threatened and extensive factors will be taken into consideration", Admiral Sun Jianguo, a deputy chief of staff

of China's People's Liberation Army, said, in an address which rejected criticisms, including from the US, that China's actions were "out of step" with international norms.

He said the construction was "justified, legitimate and reasonable", and that the projects are for the purpose of providing "international public services" including maritime search and rescue, research and environmental protection.

Fairfax Media has reported that China has been shifting weapons onto artificial islands that it has built up from previously submerged atolls among the Spratly Islands.

Pentagon officials confirmed it had been aware of two motorised artillery guns, which it believed have since been removed.

Dr Carter, the US Defence Secretary, called for an "immediate and lasting halt" to the Chinese expansion and vowed that the US would defy any attempt by Beijing to impede freedom of navigation in the area.

"Turning an underwater rock into an airfield simply does not afford the rights of sovereignty or permit restrictions on international air or maritime transit," he said.

China is locked in territorial disputes in the South China Sea with several neighbours including the Philippines,

Vietnam and Malaysia. There are particular fears that as well as using the military build-up to enforce its territorial claims, China could also threaten freedom of navigation through some of the world's busiest shipping lanes, which Australia relies upon heavily for its international trade. In the past, Australian ministers have stressed Australia does not take sides in these competing claims, but Mr Andrews pointedly struck a tougher pose on Sunday.

"Australia has made clear its opposition to any coercive or unilateral actions to change the status quo in the South and East China Sea," Mr Andrews said.

"This includes any large-scale land reclamation activity by claimants in the South China Sea.

"We are particularly concerned at the prospect of militarisation of artificial structures."

Mr Andrews cloaked his language by avoiding mentioning China directly, rather calling on "all parties" to stop large-scale reclamation and "refrain from provocative actions".

But while other countries have for decades carried out some building on islands in the South China Sea, China has done more in the past 18 months than all other countries combined throughout history.

At least 4 Americans reportedly held by Yemen's rebels

(FOX NEWS) - At least four Americans reportedly are being held by rebels in Yemen who toppled the U.S.-backed government, and the State Department said Saturday it is "doing everything we can to get these individuals released."

The Washington Post, citing unnamed sources, reported that attempts to free the Americans have failed. The four are believed to be imprisoned in the Yemen capital of Sanaa, which Saudi Arabia has repeatedly bombed in a campaign to oust the Houthi rebels from power, the newspaper reported.

"We have seen reports that several U.S. citizens have recently been detained in Yemen," the State Department said in a statement. "We are doing everything we can to get these individuals released."

"Due to privacy considerations, we do not have any further personal details or information to share," the agency said. "The protection of U.S. citizens abroad is a top priority."

The State Department did not provide an exact number of U.S. prisoners detained.

The Houthis had cleared one of the prisoners for release, but the Post report says members of the rebellion reversed the decision.

Three of the four prisoners held private sector jobs and fourth holds dual American-Yemeni citizenship. None is a U.S. government employee, according to the Post.

U.S. officials and relatives requested that the Post withhold details about the four citing safety concerns.

Another American, Sharif Mobley, is also being held in Houthi custody. He's been held for more than five years on terrorism-related charges brought by the previous government. The Post report said those most recently detained are among dozens of Americans who were unable to leave Yemen or who chose to remain in the country after the U.S. closed its embassy.



Nepal quake:

Damaged schools re-open in Kathmandu

(BBC) - Thousands of schools damaged during April's devastating earthquake in Nepal have begun to re-open.

More than 25,000 classrooms were destroyed in the 7.8 magnitude quake and its aftershocks, and more than 8,000 people died.

Galaxy Public School in Kathmandu is one of the schools reopening. Other schools have been rebuilt on a temporary basis because the classrooms were destroyed by the quake.



Vladimir Putin **SHUT OUT** of G-7 summit



WASHINGTON (CBS NEWS) - Russia's Vladimir Putin won't be on the guest list when President Barack Obama and other world leaders assemble in Germany next week, as part of the punishment for alleged Kremlin-supported aggression in Ukraine.

Yet the Russian president remains a central player in international affairs, including the U.S.-led nuclear talks with Iran, even with the pledge by Western leaders to try to isolate Putin while the crisis in Ukraine persists. Just this month, German Chancellor Angela Merkel was in Moscow for talks with Putin and Secretary of State John Kerry went to Sochi to confer with him. Putin and British Prime Minister David Cameron spoke by telephone in recent days and agreed to resume talks aimed at ending Syria's civil war, where Putin's cooperation also is crucial.

U.S. officials say the engagement is limited to areas where Moscow and the West have shared interests. Outreach to Putin on such matters, officials argue, should not be seen as a sign that the West has accepted the status quo in Ukraine, where pro-Russian separatists continue to stoke instability. "It makes sense to cooperate where there is a clear mutual interest as long as you're not being asked to back off matters of principle that matter to the security and well-being of your country and your allies and your friends," Vice President Joe Biden said Wednesday.

Some analysts say the West risks sending mixed signals to Ukraine, where the government has been pushing for more support. Matthew Rojansky, a Wilson Center expert on the former Soviet states, said there is "growing disappointment" in Ukraine about what officials there see as the West's "pale commitment" to protecting its sovereignty.

"They are all deeply worried that the United States will throw them under the bus to make a grand bargain with Putin," Rojansky wrote in an email from Kiev, where he was meeting with government officials and civil society groups. The conflict between Russia and Ukraine escalated last year when the Kremlin-backed president in Kiev fled amid protests. Pro-Russian separatists moved to take over the strategically important Crimean Peninsula, which Russia later annexed.

The West doesn't recognize that move. But the U.S. and Europe largely have given up on Russia's returning the area to Ukraine. Instead, the West has focused on Moscow's threatening moves in eastern Ukraine, the site of months of clashes between government forces and rebels that Kiev says are backed by Moscow. A fragile cease-fire agreed to in February has been violated repeatedly.

The West wielded the threat of diplomatic isolation as a punishment for Russia based in part on the belief that Putin values being seen as a big global player. He has tried to use the West's actions to bolster Russian nationalism and his own popularity at home.

On Thursday, Putin suggested that the U.S. corruption investigation into soccer's governing body was part of an attempt to take the 2018 World Cup away from Russia. He also accused the U.S. of seeking to "illegally persecute" people.

The West's clearest pressure point is the Russian economy. The ruble has stabilized after a dramatic freefall last year that was attributed to both falling oil prices and the West's economic penalties. Still, Russia's economy remains shaky.

It appears unlikely, however, that the U.S. and Europe will toughen sanctions without a major increase in Russian aggression. European nations with strong financial ties with Russia fear the sanctions could damage their own economies.

When Obama meets with European leaders at next week's Group of Seven summit in Germany, he is expected to press them to renew sanctions set to expire this summer. Russia was invited to join the G-7, a bloc of leading industrial nations, in 1998 and remained a member of what was then called the G-8 until last year when the original members suspended its participation in retaliation for its actions in Ukraine.

Heather Conley, a Europe expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said that one of the risks for the West in deepening engagement with Putin while the crisis in Ukraine continues is that the Russian leader may start to think he can simply wait out the U.S. and Europe's attention span.

"We're really stuck," she said. "Mr. Putin is not going to come to his senses. This is a long-term challenge."



Disney NOT MOVING FORWARD with 'Tron 3'

(THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER) "Tron 3" won't be coming to a theater near you.

Disney has chosen not to move forward with a third installment in the sci-fi series, sources say. While sources say the project was never officially approved, earlier this year it seemed as if things were moving ahead with "Tron:Legacy" director Joseph Kosinski returning and stars Olivia Wilde and Garrett Hedlund reprising their roles. Prep had started on the third film, and production was looking to shoot this fall, likely in Vancouver, British Columbia. Disney had been interested in adding Jared Leto to the cast, but an offer and negotiations never commenced.

Disney began developing a sequel to "Tron:Legacy" after the movie, made for \$170 million, grossed \$400 million worldwide. "Legacy" was the sequel to the 1982 sci-fi film that took place inside a computer world known as the grid and starred Jeff Bridges and Bruce Boxleitner. The film drew a big cult following and became a notable influence on filmmakers and pop culture.

Decades later, Disney revisited the world with "Legacy." The story revealed that the computer-programmer character played by Bridges had a son (Hedlund) who jumped into the grid to find his father. Wilde was Quorra, an algorithm-made-flesh who also happened to kick butt. Disney has had strong success with its live-action properties recently, including "Maleficent" and this year's "Cinderella," which earned \$527.4 million worldwide. But it recently had a stumble with the \$180 million live-action film "Tomorrowland," which underperformed at the box office this past weekend with a \$33 million U.S. debut. Disney's live-action tentpole calendar is pretty full for the next few years, with live-action versions of many of its animated classics in the works including "The Jungle Book," "Alice: Through the Looking Glass" and "Beauty and the Beast."

2 People Wounded

in Apparent Stabbing at Tufts University Frat House

(ABCNEWS) - Two people were apparently stabbed this morning at a fraternity house on the main campus of Tufts University, outside Boston, the university said. Tufts asked people on the campus to shelter in place as police searched for "a suspect of a serious crime" there. The two people were hospitalized, and police were investigating, Tufts University spokeswoman Kim Thurler told ABC News. Tufts said the two people were not affiliated with the university, and that the incident "appears to be non-random." The university rescinded its shelter-in-place request just before 8 a.m. ET, several hours after sending out an initial alert, but said there would "continue to be enhanced police presence on campus." The stabbing occurred at the Delta Tau Delta house on Professors Row, a street that bisects the campus in Medford and Somerville, Massachusetts, and is home to several fraternity and sorority houses, the university said. Tufts' president, Anthony Monaco, deferred questions to Thurler, as did the Tufts University Police Department. Most students were not on campus this weekend because the spring semester had ended and commencement had already taken place.

Arsenal midfielder

Jack Wilshere sings abusive song about rivals Tottenham



(SKYSPORTS) - Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere mocked rivals Tottenham in a foul-mouthed outburst during the FA Cup winners' victory parade on Sunday.

Thousands of Arsenal fans cheered the squad despite the rainy conditions as they paraded on open-top buses from the Emirates Stadium to Islington Town Hall, celebrating the club's record 12th FA Cup victory after successfully retaining the trophy with a 4-0 win over Aston Villa.

The Gunners faithful waited patiently for several hours for the team's return to the Emirates, where skipper Mikel Arteta and vice-captain Per Mertesacker presented the FA Cup on stage.

As the players, who were pictured celebrating in London after their victory on Saturday, revelled in the atmosphere, midfielder Wilshere took to the microphone, in a repeat scenario from 12 months ago.

Wilshere, who has come through the youth ranks at Arsenal, started a chant mocking local rivals Tottenham, asking the crowd: "I have one question, and one question only: what do we think of Tottenham?"... before adding: "And what do we think of ****?", then joining in as the crowd sang back: "We hate Tottenham and we hate Tottenham... we are the Tottenham haters."

Tottenham reached the Capital One Cup final where they lost to Chelsea and went on to finish fifth in the Premier League, below the Gunners once more.

Wilshere then continued with another Arsenal song, as supporters joined in the shouts of, "It has happened again, Tottenham Hotspur, it has happened again". The microphone was then taken off Wilshere, but he retrieved it, saying: "We have got one more."

As the England international then started the chant 'My old man said be a Tottenham fan....', which when sang in full includes more expletives aimed at Spurs, Arsenal broke off from the live broadcast on their in-house media channel. The studio presenter immediately apologised for any offence caused by the player's remarks.

Although not broadcast, the Arsenal supporters responded with chants of "Super Jack Wilshere".

It remains to be seen whether Wilshere will face any action from the Football Association for his outburst.

Wilshere came off the bench after 77 minutes against Villa, and was involved in the goal for Olivier Giroud in stoppage time, as the Gunners recorded the biggest FA Cup final winning margin in more than 20 years.

Rafael Benitez appointment at Real Madrid let slip by vice-president

(SKYSPORTS) - Real Madrid vice-president Eduardo Fernandez de Blas has accidentally let slip at the meeting of a fans' group that Rafa Benitez will be the new club coach. Benitez will leave Napoli at the end of the season and has been hotly tipped to take over from Carlo Ancelotti at the Bernabeu.

Real have yet to name Ancelotti's successor but an offhand comment during a club event on Saturday evening appears to have confirmed the former Liverpool manager's arrival.

"Ancelotti is an absolute phenomenon and we give him all our appreciation," Fernandez de Blas told the Madrid members' group.

'Until three days ago he was the best trainer in the world as two years ago it was Jose Mourinho and from this week onwards it will be Rafa Benitez.'

Italian Ancelotti was dismissed a year after he ended 12 years of Champions League failure and led Real to a record-extending 10th European crown, as well as a Copa del Rey triumph.

Former Liverpool and Chelsea boss Benitez, who once had a stint as a Real youth team coach, is expected by local media to be named on Wednesday as the new man at the helm.





Europe SHOULD CONSIDER World Cup boycott, U.K. minister says

LONDON/ZURICH (TORONTO SUN) - Britain said Europe should consider boycotting future World Cups if Sepp Blatter doesn't quit as head of soccer's governing body over a corruption scandal, while Swiss authorities denied they would soon question the newly re-elected FIFA president.

The Swiss-born FIFA chief complained on Sunday he had been shown "zero respect" in recent days, revealing how he had rejected advice from one of his main critics, the head of the European governing body, to quit at last week's FIFA congress.

John Whittingdale, the British government minister with overall responsibility for sport, renewed calls for Blatter to step aside on Sunday, saying all options should be considered when it came to pressuring him to resign, including boycotting the World Cup - something that could split the sport and be calamitous for the tournament.

Blatter, 79, won a vote on Friday to serve a fifth term as FIFA president even though the U.S. Department of Justice has charged nine soccer officials with corruption and Swiss authorities are conducting their own criminal investigation.

He has played down the impact of the scandal on one of the world's most powerful sports bodies, which takes in billions of dollars in revenue from TV marketing rights and sponsorships. Blatter is not accused of any wrongdoing personally and has implied that the United States timed news of the charges to try to scupper his re-election.

Asked how he had coped with the

criticism in the past few days, he told the Swiss newspaper Sonntagsblick: "Let me put it this way: I've been shown zero respect."

Blatter's future could yet depend on the reaction of FIFA's major sponsors and stakeholders such as Coca-Cola and McDonald's, who have been dismayed by the arrests and U.S. prosecutors announcing indictments of officials and companies.

Britain's Sunday Times newspaper reported Swiss prosecutors would question Blatter, who has led FIFA for nearly 20 years, as part of a criminal investigation into votes to award the 2018 and 2022 World Cups to Russia and Qatar respectively.

A spokesman for Switzerland's attorney general dismissed the possibility of immediately calling in Blatter as "nonsense."

"The president of FIFA will not be questioned at this point in time," the spokesman told Reuters. However, he added: "If need be, he will be questioned in the future."

Russia and Qatar deny wrongdoing in their bids.

A GIGANTIC PARTY

The Sunday Times reported Blatter would be the last of 10 FIFA officials to be questioned. Michel Platini, the president of the European governing body UEFA, and Vitaly Mutko, the Russian sports minister, would also be interviewed, it said.

In the Swiss newspaper interview, Blatter described a meeting he had on Thursday with Platini, when the former French international star encouraged him to quit with a fanfare.

"He said in all seriousness: 'Sepp, hold

the congress and at the end say you're stepping down. You'll have a gigantic party thrown for you, and you can keep your office here at FIFA,'" Blatter said, adding that he had refused Platini's invitation to have the conversation over a glass of whiskey.

Blatter comfortably won the FIFA vote with strong support from developing nations, which have received generous funding from FIFA to develop the sport under Blatter's leadership.

Britain - which has been one of Blatter's fiercest critics, especially since England lost a bid to host the 2018 World Cup - stepped up the pressure on Sunday.

"Last week, some of the game's most respected figures raised the prospect of world football turning its back on FIFA," Whittingdale, who is Britain's Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport, wrote in the Sunday Times. "Michel Platini has talked of European nations boycotting future World Cups if Blatter refuses to stand down. No options should be ruled out," he said. Seven senior soccer officials were arrested in a dawn raid before the FIFA congress in Zurich, and U.S. authorities have said altogether nine officials and five sports media and promotions executives have been charged in cases involving more than \$150 million in bribes over a period of 24 years.

The indictment mentioned two payments cleared by Standard Chartered. "We are looking into those payments and will not be commenting further at this time," a spokesman for the London-based bank said.

Other banks named on the indictment, including Britain's Barclays, are making internal checks on their involvement

and cooperating with the authorities, banking sources told Reuters.

A CLEAR NEW START

British Prime Minister David Cameron and Greg Dyke, the chairman of England's Football Association, have urged Blatter to quit. Prince William, who lobbied for Britain to host the 2018 tournament along with star player David Beckham, has also spoken of the need for FIFA to reform.

The government of Germany, the reigning world champions, also called for change. Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier told the Welt am Sonntag newspaper that soccer brought people around the world together. "That should be the real legacy of FIFA. I have serious doubts, whether FIFA is up to this great task without a clear new start," he said.

Many soccer experts regard a European-led boycott as unrealistic proposition believing that if it went ahead it would be a disaster for a sport that has avoided the kind of splits which have weakened others. Boxing for instance is now governed by four world bodies.

Dyke said it would be "ridiculous" for England to boycott the next World Cup in 2018 in protest because it would not have an impact. "It's got to be done by enough nations to have an impact, if it's done," Dyke told BBC TV's Andrew Marr show, saying any kind of action needed to be with others.

"We've got to do it alongside other countries, other large footballing nations," he said, saying it would be a "good idea" to pressure other footballing nations and sponsors to make sure any effort was concerted.